

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a device for locking the steering shaft (1) of a motor vehicle against rotation by means of a locking bolt (2) cooperating with locking recesses (3) of the steering shaft (1). A control member (14) that can be rotated back and forth displaces the locking bolt back and forth radially relative to the axis of rotation of the control member (14) between a locking position and a release position. The locking bolt (2) has a laterally protruding pin (19) that engages a spiral groove (18) of the control member (14) on the front face of the control member (14) adjacent to the locking bolt (2) and that winds about the axis of rotation of the control member. The invention is characterized by a one-piece locking bolt (2), the pin (19) of which is displaceably supported in the locking bolt (2) and is spring-loaded in the direction towards the control member (14), which control member has an inclined surface (24) cooperating with the pin (19) and rising from the bottom (22) of the spiral groove (18) of the control member (14) to the flat surface (23) thereof facing toward the locking bolt (2). Thus, the pin (19) of the locking bolt (2) can leave the spiral groove (18) of the control member (14) against the action of its spring loading (21), and the control member (14) can be rotated as far as into the position corresponding to the locking position of the locking bolt (2) even if no locking recess (3) of the steering shaft (1) is located in front of the locking bolt (2) to receive same.